

Lenten Bible Challenge: A 40-Day Journey through Matthew

Lent is an invitation to spend 40 days walking alongside Jesus, listening to His life-changing teachings, and falling more in love with God through self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

You're invited to rediscover Christ anew by reading through the **Gospel of Matthew** in 40 days. You'll cover approximately 30 verses each day for six days a week and then take Sunday as a day of rest. This requires intentionality and may require fasting 10 minutes a day from Facebook, Twitter, cable news, or ESPN to reflect on God's "love letter" to you.

Here are the daily readings beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26-29

- ☐ Wed. 1:1-25
- ☐ Thurs. 2:1-23
- ☐ Fri. 3:1-17
- ☐ Sat. 4:1-25

March 1-7

- ☐ Sun. Rest
- ☐ Mon. 5:1-19
- ☐ Tues. 5:20-48
- ☐ Wed. 6:1-34
- ☐ Thurs. 7:1-29
- ☐ Fri. 8:1-34
- ☐ Sat. 9:1-37

March 8-14

- ☐ Sun. Rest
- ☐ Mon. 10:1-25
- ☐ Tues. 10:26-42
- ☐ Wed. 11:1-30
- ☐ Thurs. 12:1-21
- ☐ Fri. 12:22-50
- ☐ Sat. 13:1-23

March 15-21

- ☐ Sun. Rest
- ☐ Mon. 13:24-58
- ☐ Tues. 14:1-36
- ☐ Wed. 15:1-20
- ☐ Thurs. 15:21-39
- ☐ Fri. 16:1-28
- ☐ Sat. 17:1-27

March 22-28

- ☐ Sunday Rest
- ☐ Mon. 18:1-35
- ☐ Tues. 19:1-30
- ☐ Wed. 20:1-34
- ☐ Thurs. 21:1-22
- ☐ Fri. 21:23-46
- ☐ Sat. 22:1-22

March 29- April 4

- ☐ Sun. Rest
- ☐ Mon. 22:23-46
- ☐ Tues. 23:1-39
- ☐ Wed. 24:1-25
- ☐ Thurs. 24:26-51
- ☐ Fri. 25:1-30
- ☐ Sat. 25:31-46

April 5- April 11

- ☐ Sun. Rest
- ☐ Mon. 26:1-25
- ☐ Tues. 26:26-46
- ☐ Wed. 26:47-75
- ☐ Thurs. 27:1-38
- ☐ Fri. 27:39-66
- ☐ Sat. 28:1-20

**Easter Sunday April 12 —
Celebrate!**

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR JOURNEY

- **READ THE PASSAGE SLOWLY** (You may read it again if you desire)
- **NOTICE WHAT RESONATES WITH YOU** (It may be a word or sentence)
- **ASK: WHAT MAY GOD BE SAYING TO YOU OR HOW MAY GOD BE INVITING YOU CLOSER?**
- **REST: TAKE A MOMENT FOR SILENCE AND PRAYER**

Resources available on Amazon to aid you on your journey

Matthew for Everyone, Part 1 and 2 (The New Testament for Everyone) 2nd Edition by N. T. Wright

Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A: A Daily Devotional Paperback - September 2, 2013 by N. T. Wright (Author)

God with Us: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew Hardcover - November 15, 2019 by Edward P. Sri

A Journey with Matthew: The 50 Day Bible Challenge Paperback - April 1, 2014 by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie